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## **GREATER CINCINNATI WATER WORKS WINS NATIONAL AWARD**

The Association of Metropolitan Water Agencies (AMWA) honored Greater Cincinnati Water Works (GCWW) with the presentation of their Gold Award for Competitiveness Achievement in San Francisco. According to AMWA Executive Director Diane VanDe Hei, "AMWA's Gold Award winners are in the top ranks of the nation's best operated water systems. They stand as innovative and successful representatives of publicly owned drinking water suppliers. These agencies set the pace for water utilities."

The panel of water industry judges looked at benchmarking and competitiveness in the areas of treatment, maintenance, engineering, finance, and employee development. The award recognizes GCWW as an agency that has made an exceptional contribution to the drinking water industry.

"It is a tribute to all Water Works employees that we received this award for efficiency, cost of operation and quality of service," said David Rager, director of Greater Cincinnati Water Works. "Our employees are dedicated to ensuring that Greater Cincinnati Water Works sets the standard for excellence in the country. It is a great honor to be nationally recognized as a top award-winning water agency."

"This award is for successfully dealing with a changing environment," Rager said. "Recent events have presented new challenges for water utilities. At Greater Cincinnati Water Works we are constantly testing and monitoring the water to ensure a plentiful supply of quality drinking water for all of our customers."

Greater Cincinnati Water Works, a municipally owned and operated utility, serves the entire City of Cincinnati, most of Hamilton County and parts of Butler, Warren, and Clermont Counties. In 2000, they supplied 48,700 million gallons of water through 2800 miles of water mains to more than 900,000 customers.

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